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Being greek president brings challenges, rewards

By COURTNEY BURKE
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Getting involved on campus is an important aspect of college life. Being part of a club or organization teaches students how to communicate, lead and work with others and also gives them a sense of belonging. The greek community on campus is one such organization that has fostered academics, leadership and membership since 1913. Those who go greek are given numerous opportunities to lead and serve, but no one knows this better than the presidents who lead each chapter.

"When I joined Sigma Kappa, I told myself that I would never be president," Makenzie Hrabik, junior in economics and president of Sigma Kappa sorority, said. "It was too big of a position and I didn't think I was confident or strong enough to do it. What really pushed me to run for president was the support of my peers."

Chapter presidents are in charge of almost everything. They have executive council members to help them but are still kept extremely busy. They handle all the phone calls, emails, paperwork and official business regarding their chapter, and still manage to make time to be the go to "sister" or

"brother" when a fellow member needs help, advice or a shoulder to lean on.

"My favorite part about being president is that I get to listen to other people," Hrabik said. "Those little moments make it worth it. There are days when you ask yourself why you volunteered for such a difficult position, but then there are days when you have a member talk to you for hours about why she joined and how it's made a difference in her life. I love being able to help people realize their potential and give them the opportunities they need to grow."

Sometimes, being the president and being a friend are two conflicting roles for these men and women. Hrabik said one main problem is getting members to be open with the officer team and sometimes the lack of communication causes issues. There are things that must get done and requirements that must be made, and it's not easy for the presidents to get dozens of people on the same page.

"Follow through is key," Ross Allen, senior in philosophy and president of Acacia fraternity, said. "When you say something, you need to mean it and deliver. Sometimes you have to feel comfortable being the bad guy. Different people go greek for different reasons and the fraternity is constantly evolving, so it can be a challenge



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Makenzie Hrabik, junior in economics and president of Sigma Kappa, makes a quick announcement to a few chapter members after dinner.

to coordinate long-term strategic planning."

While being the president comes with more responsibilities as both a member and a leader in the chapter, these men and women cannot forget their other commitments. Many of them have leadership roles in other groups, as well as busy academic schedules and professors that don't want to hear that they had a greek issue and couldn't get their homework done.

"The drawbacks are the stress and the busy schedules, but honestly that is just part of life sometimes and this experience helped

me learn how to deal with my stress and balance my schedule," Laila Sammur, senior in apparel and textiles marketing and president of Delta Delta Delta sorority, said. "I am capable of more than I ever thought. Being president has taught me how to be there and how to aid 184 women, as well as how to be both a friend and a leader at the same time."

Being involved in greek life teaches valuable lessons to the many men and women involved, but those who chose to take up officer positions get an inside perspective unlike that of any of the

other members. MaryLynn Griebel, senior in industrial engineering and president of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority, said being the president of her chapter has taught her that taking a step back from a difficult situation can put things into perspective and brings clarity to the situation.

"My favorite part of the position was getting to learn all that it had to offer, and to come out with an amazing appreciation for my sisters and chapter," Sammur said. "I am a better and stronger woman because of them and because of this experience."

Unmanned Aerial Systems Design team has high hopes for air vehicle

By BRANDON FAIT
THE COLLEGIAN

The team is comprised of students who dedicate their time and effort to constructing an aerial vehicle that automatically flies to different coordinates without the presence of a pilot. The team is based in the College of Engineering and includes students from a variety of different majors who contribute their knowledge to help create the most successful flying device possible. Collin Pierce, president of the UAS Team and a senior in mechanical engineering said he likes the variety of different majors coming together.

"The cool thing about us is that we are interdisciplinary," Pierce said. "We have people from a lot of different majors who have different talents which is good because we can see different perspectives."

The ultimate goal of the team is to construct the flying vehicle by June in order to compete in a competition sponsored by the Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International. The competition is held every June at the Patuxent River Naval Air Station in Saint Inigo, Maryland. Around 40 universities compete from all over the world. There are three major parts of the competition that every team must complete.

According to the AUVSI website, the first part of the competition requires each university to write a paper that can be up to 20 pages long. Teams write the paper to explain what they expect to do, their rationale for why they constructed the device they did and also give an overall descrip-

tion of the air vehicle and how they constructed it. Along with that, the team must include their previous performances and safety risk methods. This part of the project is worth 25 percent of the total credit.

The second part of the competition requires each team to give an oral presentation that can be no longer than 15 minutes. Teams must attempt to explain to a group of judges how they plan on completing the mission and the experience of each team member. Teams must also reveal the equipment they plan to use not only in the air but from a ground control system standpoint as well. This part of the project is also worth 25 percent of the total score.

Finally, the last part of the competition requires the teams to embark on a 20-30 minute flight that includes around 10-15 objectives. Some of the objectives are considered "primary" and some are considered "secondary." Some examples of the basic primary objectives are take-off, sustained flight, hitting targets in sequence and landing.

Each flying vehicle must have a means to take visual data of the targets the plane is attempting to reach. Some of the more advanced primary objectives involve describing characteristics of the targets and determining the location of a target within 50 feet.

Secondary objectives are generally more advanced objectives that include the identification of infrared targets and symbols on those targets and an air drop objective where the plane must drop all-purpose flour onto a certain target. The flight

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City pushes forward facilities plan

By JAMES COPELAND
THE COLLEGIAN

The Manhattan City Commission conducted a joint meeting with the Department of Parks and Recreation last night to discuss the city's strategic facilities improvement plan. The plan seeks to take a complete look at recreation facilities and programs across the city and surrounding area.

"We'll evaluate consolidation, renovation or elimination of current facilities," Scott Crawford from RDG Planning and Design, an urban and strategic planning company, said.

The thing about the plan, however, is the fact that no one knows exactly what it will entail.

"We don't have a pre-conceived notion of what we're going to come up with – it all depends on the results of the survey," Mayor Wynn Butler said.

This survey is a key component of the plan. Basically, the city commission wants to know what the community's thoughts are on the park system. The plan is to send out 3,000 "statistically valid" surveys by phone, mail and the web, meaning that there will be equal representation of people from different parts of the city from different age groups and different demographics. Because of this, the survey will not be open to the

general public.

In order to do this successfully, the city has hired the ETC Institute, an Olathe-based market research firm, to conduct the survey. Ron Vine, senior vice president of ETC, said his company promises that the city will get at least 600 surveys returned.

"This survey is not going to be inexpensive, so I think that we need to incorporate as much information into it as possible," Karen McCulloh, city commissioner, said.

Indeed, discussion regarding the content of the survey comprised the majority of the meeting.

"We have to make sure we get the questions right," Vine said. "If we don't get the questions right, we won't get the information we need."

Vine said that if a survey is too long, people won't complete it. Likewise, if a survey is too short or unspecific, needed information won't be attained. Vine said that a good survey combines the right amount of "micro and macro."

The goal of the survey is to find citizens' view of their perfect system of the future. It will ask questions about how individuals use the current facilities, their view is of the perfect system, and finally, how they think the system can sustain itself. The survey will focus on the city's outdoor sports facilities and indoor spaces.

During the meeting, Usha

Reddi, city commissioner, voiced concern over the fact that the current draft of the survey does not ask about race.

"I think personally that race, ethnicity and income are all good questions," Reddi said. "Race is an issue because I've felt personally that when we upgrade facilities, some populations are marginalized."

The surveys are set to be sent out at the end of December and the start of January. Vine said that it will take approximately six weeks to get the surveys back and an additional two weeks to process the information. Vine said that the information received will be very valuable to the city.

After the results are in, they will be presented before the city commission, and a plan will then be constructed on how to move forward based in citizen input.

The idea of joint building efforts with local colleges, churches, schools and businesses and even talk of building facilities to attract traveling sports teams was discussed briefly, as such efforts have proved successful in other communities, but nothing will be decided until well after the survey results have come in and the community has weighed in on the decision.

"This is not for economic development, this is meant to upgrade the city's facilities," Butler said. "Focus for economic development will come further down the line."

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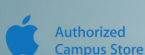
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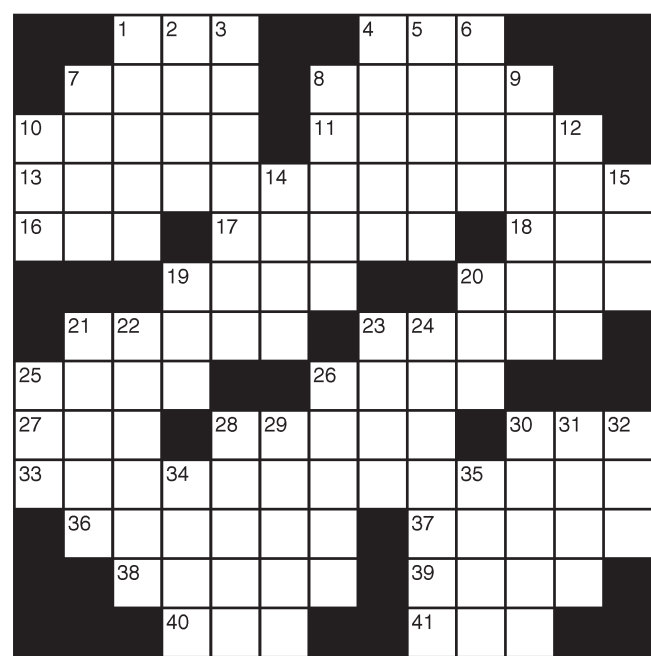
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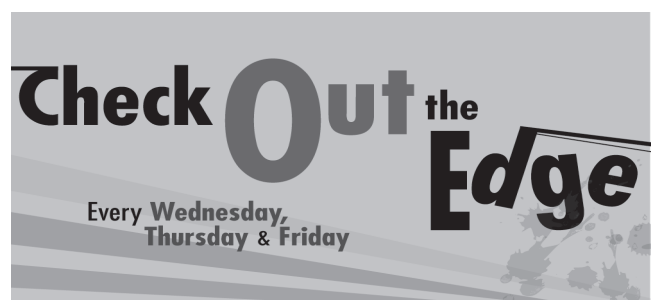
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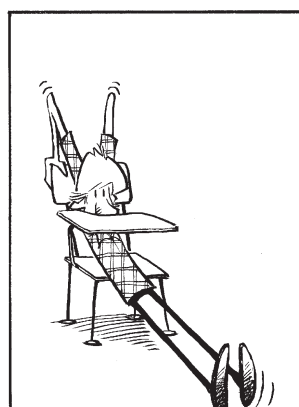
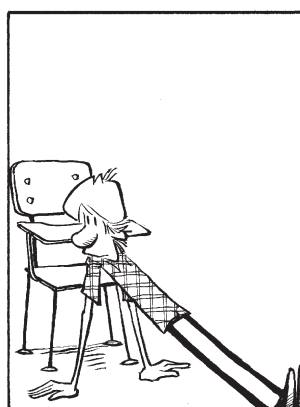
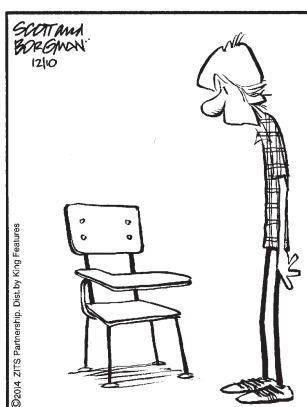
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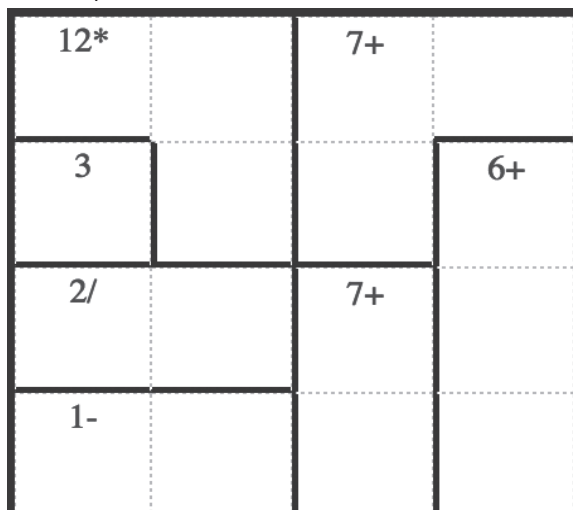
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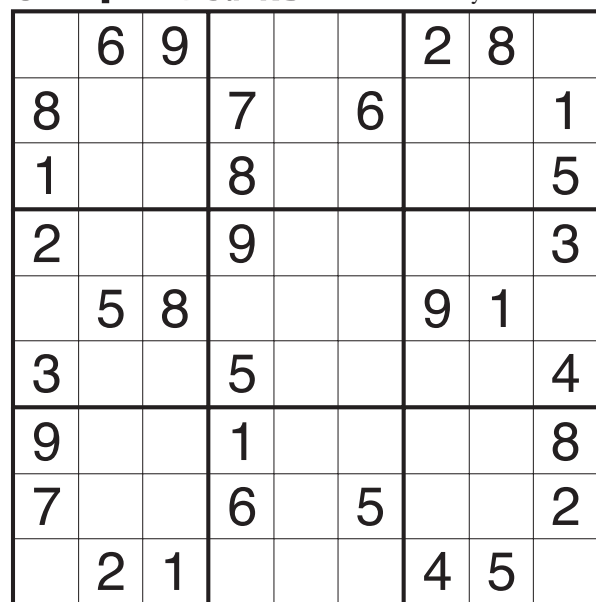
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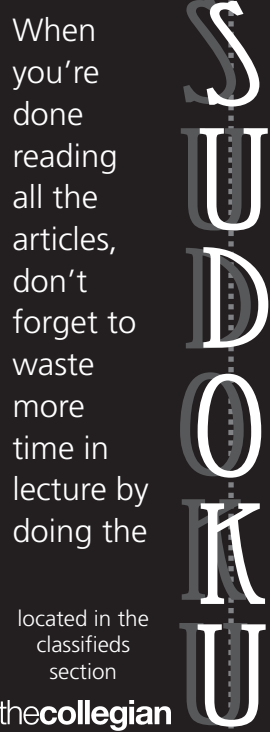
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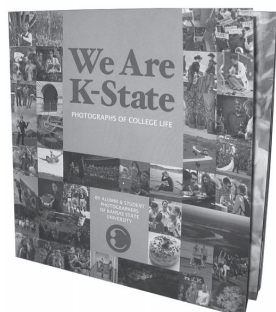
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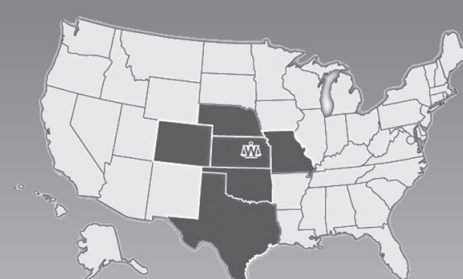
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UAS | Design team highlights differences in competition planes, drones

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mission portion of the competition is worth 50 percent of the total score.

Since the UAS team came into existence in 2010, they have competed in four competitions and have never placed lower than seventh place in the world. Their best finish was during the 2012-2013 calendar year when they finished third in the world.

The K-State team decided to compete in the competition this year using a model airplane that is student constructed and weighs roughly 25 pounds. The plane also features an electrically-powered propeller to gain and

sustain power. However, aerial vehicles don't have to be powered any certain way. As a matter of fact, Pierce recalled seeing a gas powered flight vehicle used in competition.

"The nice thing about being electrically powered is that our plane is light and more efficient," Pierce said.

To take off, one of the team members holds the plane and once the plane gains enough energy, the team member lets go and the plane sustains altitude from their hand. The plane will then reach desired altitudes and locations which are pre-programmed using a computer application called Mission Planner. The plane

also features a curved, snow-sled-looking base on the bottom to allow for a smooth landing.

Ethan Koch, junior in computer and electrical engineering, said people don't fully understand the complexity of their project.

"There's so much we do and people think we just fly a plane take pictures of the ground," Koch said. "The things we do (are) so much more complex than that."

The project is actually so complex that the team is broken up into three different parts: Airframe, Autopilot and Image Analysis.

The airframe group is responsible for designing the actual airplane and all

of its structural components. They are also responsible for installing internal hardware which tells the plane where to go and how high. The navigation application is responsible for the plane's navigation software called Mission Planner. They also are involved with coding procedures and are currently working on installing a new form of autopilot known as Pixhawk. The image analysis team is responsible for perfecting software for image analysis and making sure the images transfer from the camera on the plane to the ground station.

According to Pierce, the competition committee does not force all teams to build

their aerial vehicle a particular way.

When asked if some teams used drones, Chris Piggott, senior in computer science, was quick to distance the AUVSI's competition from droning.

"The way drones have been popularized is for bad reasons and what we are doing can be used for crop analysis and other important things," Piggott said.

The national debate on whether or not drones should be legalized continues to be a controversial issue. Some people are against drone usage due to privacy concerns and safety concerns. According to the FAA website, drones are only legal for

non-commercial and hobby usage. In order to use a drone for commercial use, you must apply to the FAA for airworthiness and it cannot weigh more than 55 pounds.

Pierce said the team usually conducts flight tests at Northeast Community Park in the mornings and ending in the afternoons to accommodate these regulations. Pierce also said that they must contact the Manhattan tower and Marshall beforehand to let them know they are testing and must also notify them after their flight. Factors that can cancel a flight are heavy winds, problematic pre-flight system tests and delayed ground operations on test day.

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Intramurals embrace technology

BY LINDSEY LEARDI
THE COLLEGIAN

This semester, Recreational Services at K-State implemented IMLeagues, a web-based intramural management solution. IMLeagues is especially helpful to students and staff involved with intramurals because it allows them to register and manage individual and team sports online. REC*IT, the official mobile app for IMLeagues, allows players to view their schedules, rankings and communicate with teammates from the comfort of their own home.

"It allows you to have access to your team, registration, any aspect of intramurals that you need as a participant 24/7," Armando Espinoza, intramurals supervisor for K-State Recreational Services, said. "You don't have to come into the office and physically turn in a piece of paper. You can just hop on your computer or phone."

Justin Cain, senior in architecture, participated in football and soccer this fall.

"You know how people are with change, they don't really like it at first but once they adapt to it, it's the best thing," Cain said.

Anna Pyle, sophomore in industrial engineering, was the intramurals chair for Kappa Alpha Theta

sorority for 2014.

"We are the online generation," Pyle said. "So I think it was smart for them to go online."

While it was difficult to manage several teams at once, Pyle said, it was convenient that she did not have to go into the office because she does not have a car in Manhattan.

The K-State intramural program offers over 60 events for both men and women among different divisions such as: fraternity, residence hall, independent or faculty and staff.

"The thing that students have very little concept of is all the moving parts with scheduling games, officials, rescheduling games and not interfering with any rentals, reservations, that may be going on in the facility," Espinoza said.

According to Espinoza, IMLeagues and REC*IT has improved the overall communication between the students and himself.

Besides the players, intramural officials are essential to the program. K-State Recreational Services employs approximately 175 officials and 10 supervisors a year but Espinoza said, "the more the merrier."

"If I can move an entire staff from day one to the end of the season as a stronger, more competent, more readily able to handle any kind of situation staff," Espinoza



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Justin Cain, senior in architecture, shows off the new IMLeagues mobile app on his smartphone. K-State's intramurals program implemented IMLeagues, a web-based intramural program that allows students to track their schedule, teams and statistics.

said. "Then I feel we have successfully trained and developed our officials."

IMLeagues and REC*IT allows Espinoza to focus more time on official development and educa-

tion instead of the data entry he had to do previously.

"The way I like to look at it is if the students demand it, we'll have it," Espinoza said.

Entries for certain spring se-

semester activities and events will be accepted as early as Jan. 20. Participants register online by following the instructions listed at recreations.k-state.edu/intramurals/registration.html.

Slightly sarcastic horoscopes from Madam LoCoco



IRIS LOCOCO
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Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

Your energy has been double what it usually is lately — so make good use of it! Take the opportunity to tackle that one big challenge now, before the government bans those weird, imported Korean energy drinks you've been using to get your finals week buzz on.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

All you really want is for people to get along, but things may start to get frustrating for you when you try to intervene. Turns out none of your friends are interested in passing the "feelings stick" around the circle unless it's made out of empty beer cans.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

This holiday season, appreciate the warmth of home: good food, familial tenderness and the radiant heat from the small house fire that will erupt after your politically-charged uncle flips over a table with a few candles sitting on it.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20)

Everything will come along in its own due time; there's no need to rush events. (Unless you forgot to buy your holiday gifts and you have enough cash to shell out for overnight shipping, you horrible Scrooge, you.)

Aries (March 21 - April 19)

The latter half of this month promises you thrilling love at first sight, a passionate and ephemeral but ultimately quickly-passing adventure. On a related note, the stars would like to remind you to recharge your pre-paid coffee cards, as it is now peppermint latte season.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20):

This month is going to be especially difficult for you economically, so be careful not to throw your money out the window. Not only is it financially reckless, but it's also a very bad way to convince that police car to stop following you.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20)

You finally feel in control and in-touch with your deepest needs. Hint: Can you say "after-Thanksgiving sale" and "espresso maker?"

Cancer (June 21 - July 22)

Your energy is great and it seems to be pushing you to plan your next big trip or just get out of town for a little while. Quickly. Go. Before it's too late.

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22)

While stupidity isn't life-threatening directly, the side effects—like forgetting to drive on the right side of the road or accidentally picking poisonous mushrooms on a holiday campout—can be. Spend a little extra time studying this week.

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)

Resist the urge to get that tattoo you've been fantasizing about and spend a little extra time choosing one that really says something about you, like, "my body is a tacky dumpster full of clichés."

Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)

Projecting your anger onto a well-meaning old friend is a big no-no. Instead, try projecting your anger onto a newer friend who does not know you as well and is therefore less aware of how awful you truly are.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

Today is perfect for communication. Make sure you are sending clear signals about what's really on your mind to a classmate, coworker or supervisor. Try leaving a dead possum in the break room fridge.

compiled by Kelsey Kendall

K-State professor publishes foot-and-mouth disease research

According to News and Communications Services, Michael Sanderson, professor of diagnostic medicine pathology, recently published his research in the impact and control of potential

outbreak of foot-and-mouth diseases in livestock. Sanderson and Sara McReynolds, a former graduate student of Sanderson's, worked to evaluate different vaccination strategies without destroy-

ing the livestock industry.

This research project also leads into Sanderson's next project, "Secure Beef Supply Plan." This project will be in collaboration with Iowa State University.

Social media roundtable meeting to discuss answer questions

According to K-State Today, any questions regarding social media can be answered in the Social Media Roundtable meeting this Thursday at 11 a.m. in the Hemisphere Room of

Hale Library. There will be a discussion about ways to use social media content and make it better while creating connections with social media administrators through the K-State

Social Media Roundtable LinkedIn group. Members of this group will have the opportunity to discuss social media and have access to helpful resources.

Burglary reported on Claflin Road

According to a Riley County Police Department press release, two laptops were reported stolen from a Manhattan home on Claflin Road on Monday at approximately 3 p.m. The

total value loss was around \$3,100, and no arrests have been made.

"We encourage anyone with information to either contact (the Riley County Police Department) or call

Crime Stoppers," Matthew Droge, public information officer, said.

Crime Stoppers can be reached at 785-539-7777 and the department at 785-537-2112.

Topeka police being reassigned from school district

According to the Topeka Capital-Journal, James Brown, Topeka's chief of police, has begun reassigning officers working in the Unified School District 501 to other areas. There have been two officers reassigned at this point. The Capital-Journal said that there is an annual contract between the school district and the Topeka Police

Department that has not been renewed or revised for this year, which concerns Julie Ford, USD 501 superintendent. The contract states that USD 501 should pay \$225,000 for four officers.

Currently, 11 officers have been provided to the district in exchange for payment to the department totaling \$366,000. Brown intends to reduce

this number in the near future. Ford told the Capital-Journal that if Brown plans to reduce the number of officers working for the district, then she would like any changes to the previous contracts to be agreed to in writing. She would also like to cut the amount the district pays if the services provided will be reduced.

Virtual commencement allows global students, others to watch

According to K-State Today, students graduating with a K-State Global Campus degree, as well as their family and friends, will be unable to attend the commencement ceremonies on cam-

pus.

However, they will be able to view via the Virtual Commencement, which will be available through the K-State website. The virtual reception will fea-

ture addresses from Sue Maes, dean of K-State Global Campus, and April Mason, university provost and senior vice president, as well as provide resources such as printable graduation invitations.

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K-State loss to Baylor: part of a much more troubling offensive statistic



TIMOTHY EVERSON
THE COLLEGIAN

Well, that's it.

It might be unfair, it might be disappointing and it might hurt, but the 2014-15 Big 12 season is over for K-State.

It ended not with a bang, as T.S. Eliot said, but a whimper as No. 9 K-State lost last Saturday to No. 5 Baylor in what amounted to be less of a game and more of a eternal game of catch-up to the tune of 38-27.

Going into Saturday's game, K-State was 0-10 under head coach Bill Snyder when teams on both sidelines were ranked in the top 10.

Unfortunately for the purple-clad faithful, that trend continued as K-State participated in the swan song of the opening season for Baylor's shiny and new, McLane Stadium.

It's a stat that has

twisted and turned it's way through the program's history. A dark blemish on what is a legendary run by Snyder.

It's honestly baffling how a coach with such an impressive and sterling record could have this stat attached to him.

Does Saturday's loss have any clues on what could be lingering behind such an ugly stat?

"We just didn't do a good job in our preparation," Snyder said after the loss.

One would find that hard to believe, especially with the type of work ethic that Snyder is known for having.

This is the man who asked his doctor if there was a way to safely get less sleep because, to Snyder, sleep is wasted time. This is also a man who is well-known to partake in a fourth meal at Taco Bell like an average K-State student cramming for a final.

Senior tight end, Zach Trujillo, who had a career night with 88 yards on three catches and a touchdown, respectfully disagrees with his head coach's assessment of why things happened like they happened.

"I feel like we prepared pretty well," Trujillo said. "But we just didn't execute enough in the game."

While execution may be the main reason for Saturday's loss, to assume that for 10 other games that execution was the issue might be a stretch.

K-State prides itself on getting the most out of what seems to be very little. That's why there is such a strong walk-on tradition in Manhattan.

Snyder knows how to get every little bit of toothpaste out of the Crest tubes that are his players.

To continue with the toothpaste metaphor, sometimes it just runs out. That's what happened to this team and what happened to several great K-State teams before it.

Snyder is a great coach, by a large contingent's estimation the best, and the guys who trot out onto Bill Snyder Family Stadium wearing that silver helmet with the Powercat sticker are special people.

They are some of the hardest working and best people that one could have a privilege of knowing.

However, the facts are the facts. K-State does not recruit on the level of a Baylor, or an Oklahoma, an Oregon or even a Nebraska.

Sometimes in life the honest truth is that you just



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Senior quarterback, **Jake Waters**, gets sacked during the Dec. 6 game against Baylor in McLane Stadium in Waco, TX.

aren't good enough. You put everything out on the field and you just got outplayed.

K-State has "snuck-up" on top 10 teams when it was outside of the top 10 multiple times. That happens year after year in college football for one reason or another.

However, when a team with elite talent gives K-State its full attention, there's just not enough in the tank to take care of business.

Again, what Snyder and those K-State players do is special. You won't find another coach in the country who does what Snyder does, as well and as consistently as Snyder does it. You won't find players who maximize on their potential the way that K-State players do.

However, if K-State wants the reach that next level, namely a national title, the final threshold of recruit-

ing must be crossed.

If K-State can be as good as they've been with one hand tied behind their back, just imagine what they would do un-handicapped. One would think a certain streak, would break.

Timothy Everson is a junior in mass communications. Please send comments to sports@kstatecollegian.com

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Taking a look through the checkbook after walking down the aisle

By JON PARTON
THE COLLEGIAN

After saying “I do,” many newlyweds rise to face the challenges of married life. One of such challenges is the topic of finances.

In 2013, a study by the National Foundation for Credit Counseling discovered just 32 percent of engaged couples thought the subject of money would be easy to discuss. Here are some tips to consider during newly wedded bliss.

Talk early, talk often

It is generally easier to discuss finances long before taking the walk down the aisle. Have an open, honest discussion with your partner about income, debts and spending habits. One of the worst things you can do is withhold information that can affect your household income.

Decide if it's better to combine resources into one bank account or perhaps a combination of shared and personal checking or savings accounts. The sooner you're on the same page, the better off your new lives will be.

Don't overspend

Just because you have access to two incomes instead of one doesn't mean you can start buying BMWs and make it rain at the clubs every weekend. According to Kiplinger, a financial advice magazine, the best thing to do with the surplus money is to start paying down debt and credit cards.

With the increasing amount of student loans, it's better to save that extra money and ensure you won't be paying them off for the rest of your marriage.

Set financial goals

As a couple, you have to decide what you want to do with your resources. Do you want to buy a new car? A house? A Forbes article recommends newlyweds set three kinds of financial goals: emergency money, short-term and long-term goals.

For emergencies, it's best to set aside enough money to live on for three to six months. Short-term goals include larger purchases such as a vacation or a down payment. Long-term goals, such as retirement or college funds, are important to plan as well. If you're unsure where to start, it might be best to con-

sult a financial advisor.

Budget. Budget. Budget.

Figure out what your bills come up to. How much will the two of you spend on groceries, rent or mortgage, gas and other necessary costs? Once you calculate the essentials, try to figure out how much you can save back.

Although Forbes recommends holding back 20 percent of your income as an ideal, it's best to set aside what you can afford. Cut costs as best you can. Do you really need cable when you have access to services like Netflix and Hulu?

Ensure your insurance

Health insurance is a big consideration for all couples. Check with your spouse to see what works best for you. If you are both enrolled in plans through your employer, compare the costs and benefits of the plans to determine which one you should keep. Keep in mind that while some plans may be cheaper than others, they might not offer as much coverage.

Discussing money is never easy, but openness and apt planning can help you and your spouse on the road to financial happiness.



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Junior guard **Justin Edwards** surges through a Bradley defender Tuesday night at Bramlage Coliseum. The Wildcats won against Bradley 50-47.

K-State survives brawl with Bradley, comes away with 'ugly' win

By TIMOTHY EVERSON
THE COLLEGIAN

It wasn't pretty, and it hasn't often been pretty for K-State so far this season, but the Wildcats (5-4) found a way to overcome a poor offensive first half to beat Bradley, 50-47.

“Winning ugly is better than not winning,” Head Coach, Bruce Weber, said. “Proud of the guys, Nino was big time, he gave us everything he had.”

K-State was led by senior forward Nino Williams who had 14 points and 12 rebounds for his second double-double of his career.

Sophomore guard, Marcus Foster, also guided the Wildcats with 13 points, including 11 in the second half. That came after having only two points off of free throws in the opening half.

Foster aside, the first half offered very little for fans of offense. K-State had just three field goals and a 17:00 stretch without one.

“Obviously if Marcus doesn't score it doesn't help us,” Weber said. “They double-team Thomas (Gipson). We're getting much out of our top guys offensively. Then you have turnovers where we were

just too impatient. They fought things they switched things. We gotta be smarter.”

K-State hit 23.1 from the field in the first half, a percentage only improved by a desperation 3-pointer by sophomore guard, Nigel Johnson, to end the half.

K-State also had 11 turnovers in a first half in which the Wildcats only had 13 total shot attempts.

The scoring was so poor on both sides that the 19-18 halftime score set a new Bramlage record for the fewest combined points in a half, a record previously held by K-State and Arkansas Pine Bluff's 42 combined points in 2004.

K-State came out of the second-half swing scoring the first six points of the half to take a five-point lead. They would be tied up once more, but would not trail for the rest of the game.

“First half we were a little dead,” Foster said. “I know my legs felt different than they usually do during games. Second half we just came together and talked about it in the locker room and corrected things we needed to correct to come out and play stronger. We started making shots, and I got going a little bit. That is all it came down to in the second half. We just picked up our energy level.”

The Wildcats led by as many as 11 in the second half, but due to another bout of cold shooting and missed free throws, the Braves were able to find their way back into the game and tied it up at 39-all with 7:57 left in the game.

Junior guard, Justin Edwards, reclaimed the lead for good after hitting a three, which was his only of the game.

K-State had several chances to put the game away early in the second half, but Bradley was left with a chance to tie it up down three with 1:05 left.

However, the Wildcats rebounded an air-balled 3-pointer with less than a second left to claim its victory.

“We beat South Dakota last year 64-62, grinded it out, we got a ‘W,’” Weber said. “No, no one remembers that, (but) sometimes you have got to find ways to win.”

K-State was able to clean up its play throughout the second half, improving its field-goal percentage to 42.9 percent and only committing six turnovers.

K-State also out rebounded Bradley 28-24 including 16-8 in the 2nd half.

K-State is off until the weekend when they return to take on Savannah State in Bramlage on Sunday with the tip at 5 p.m.

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